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BYE-LAWS.

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*The Common Seal.**

1. The Common Seal of the ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS shall be the Armorial Bearings, Crest, and Motto, registered in Her Majesty's College of Arms, of which a fac-simile is here given; and it shall be in the custody of the President.

Election of Members of Council.

2. Any Member of the College who may be desirous of having the names of any persons he may propose as Members of the Council included in the list after mentioned, must give notice thereof, in writing, to the Secretary at least twenty-one days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

* The Common Seal of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons shall consist of the Armorial Bearings, Crest, and Motto of the College, as follows, viz.: *Arms*—Argent, a cross, engrailed gules between a horse's head erased in the first quarter; an arrow in bend, entwined by and piercing a serpent in the second; a horseshoe in the third, all proper; and a bull's head, erased sable in the fourth. *Crest*—On a wreath of the colours, a centaur proper, holding a shield argent charged with an aloe, also proper, as the same are in the margin hereof more plainly depicted. *Motto*—Vis Unita Fortior.

3. Fifteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting, [held on the First Monday in the Month of May], the Secretary shall prepare a list, stating the names and residences of the persons proposed, with the names of their proposers, and also of the Members of Council who remain in office, as well as those who retire by rotation, with any vacancies arising from deaths, resignations, or other causes, together with a record of the attendances of each Member of Council during the year; and he shall within three days thereof send a copy of such list to the registered address of every Member in the United Kingdom, and in case of Members resident abroad he shall forward at a convenient period to their registered addresses the prescribed but blank form of voting paper, omitting names of candidates proposed. Such papers to be returned to the Secretary seven clear days prior to the election.

4. Every person on voting must erase the names of all Candidates for whom he does not intend to vote. If more names are left in than there are vacancies in the Council, the paper will be rejected.

5. Previous to the commencement of election of Members of Council, the Council shall nominate not less than twelve persons to act as Scrutineers. The President shall nominate substitutes in case of non-attendance; the President or one of the Vice-Presidents shall be present when the voting papers are opened and when the votes are counted.

Meetings of Council.

6. The day for the Meeting of the Council, required by the Charter to be held within one calendar month

after the Annual General Meeting, for the election of the President, six Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Registrar, shall be fixed by the President as early as convenient.

7. In addition to such Meeting, four Meetings, at the least, of the Council shall be holden during each year in the months of July, October, January, and April; and on such days and times in those months as the President shall appoint.

8. At each Meeting of the Council, prior to entering on the general business, the minutes of the preceding Meeting shall be read.

9. After the minutes have been read and signed, any correspondence and also reports from Committees shall be read, and then the accounts and business connected with the property of the body corporate shall be considered; and the general business shall be proceeded with.

10. Any Member of the Council, who shall be desirous of introducing any subject for discussion, shall give notice thereof in writing to the Chairman at some previous meeting, or to the Secretary, in time for its announcement in the notice of Meeting.

11. All motions shall be considered in the order in which the notices are given, and the issue of the notices shall be in accordance with such order.

12. No motion shall be discussed before it has been seconded; nor shall any Member speak more than once on any question, save in explanation or reply.

13. All resolutions carried at the Meetings of the

Council, except such as relate to the Bye-laws, shall be acted upon without further confirmation.

14. The President, upon receiving a requisition signed by ten Members of the Council, or by twenty Members of the College, requiring him to call a Special General Meeting of the Members of the College, and stating the object for which such Meeting is required, shall call such meeting within twenty-one days after the receipt of such requisition.

15. Notices of Meetings shall be issued by the Secretary at least four days previous to Council and other Meetings, exclusive both of the day on which they are issued and of the day on which the Meeting shall take place.

16. The Council shall prepare an abstract of their proceedings up to the first day of April in each year, together with a statement of the funds and property of the College, which shall be read at the Annual General Meeting, and printed and supplied gratis to such Members of the body corporate as shall apply for the same.

Election of Finance and other Committees.

17. The Council shall elect from its Members a Committee of Finance, with such other Committees as may be deemed necessary; and shall also annually elect two Auditors.

Election of Registrar.

18. The Council shall also annually elect some fit and proper person to act as Registrar of the College.

Examinations.

19. The Council shall appoint a sufficient number not exceeding twenty-two persons to constitute the Court of Examiners, and shall from time to time fill any vacancies which may occur.

20. Each Examiner shall be elected for five years only, but be eligible for re-election; but any Examiner may be removed by the vote of two thirds of the Members present at any Meeting of the Council, to be confirmed by a Special Meeting, called for the purpose.

21. Of the Examiners not less than six shall be Members of the College. The Council shall appoint a Sectional Court of Examiners for England, and a Sectional Court of Examiners for Scotland.

22. Each section of the Court of Examiners shall have a Chairman and a Secretary. The Chairman of each division of the Court shall be elected by and from amongst its Members. The Secretaries shall be appointed by the Council.

23. Every Member of the Court attending during the entire period of each Meeting shall be entitled to such fees as shall from time to time be fixed by the Council.

24. Examinations shall be held in each year at such times as the Council may appoint.

25. The President, or in his absence the senior Vice-President, may direct a special Court of Examiners to be holden on any emergency.

26. That no Student be admitted to the Final Examination for the Diploma of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons until he shall have completed his 21st year.

27. The Diploma of the Royal College shall only be awarded to Students after they have passed three Examinations. An Examination Fee of £4 4s. shall be paid seven days prior to each Examination, and the successful Candidates for the Diploma shall pay a further sum of £1 1s. for Registration.

28. Should a Student fail in any Examination, for each Re-examination he shall pay a further sum of £3 3s.

29. At each Examination and Re-examination the Students shall be examined in such subjects as the Council shall direct.

30. Any Candidate who through misstatement, error, or false certificate shall seek or be led to apply for any examination, shall be prohibited from undergoing that examination; or if he has undergone it shall not be permitted to enjoy the advantages to be derived therefrom, and shall be declared disqualified for such Examination for such a period as the Council shall see fit.

31. A list of the successful candidates, at each Examination, signed by the Chairman of the Court, shall be transmitted to the President, who shall, on receipt thereof, as applying to the First and Second Examination, order the Candidate's name to be registered; and as applying to the Final examination, shall grant the

Diploma of the College to the Candidate on payment of the fee for Registration.

32. Any person who wilfully procures or attempts to procure himself to be placed on the Register of Veterinary Surgeons by making or producing or causing to be made or produced any false or fraudulent declaration, certificate, or representation either in writing or otherwise, and any person aiding or assisting him therein, shall be dealt with in accordance with provisions of Veterinary Surgeons Act, Sec. XI, 1881.

33. Every successful Candidate shall, on his admission as a Member of the College, subscribe his name to the Rules and Bye-laws of the College for the time being.

34. No Examination shall take place unless there are at least nine Candidates for Examination.

Medical and Foreign and Colonial Candidates.

35. A person holding a Diploma from any medical examining body recognised by law, shall be exempt from attendance on the first year's course of lectures, and from the Examination at the end of that year. Before he is allowed to appear for any Examination, he shall furnish sufficient evidence as to the legal qualification he holds in Medicine or Surgery. A Student holding a foreign or colonial veterinary Diploma from any veterinary examining body recognised by the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, shall be exempt from attendance on the course of lectures for

the first two years, and from the examinations at the end of those years respectively.*

Registration of Colonial or Foreign Practitioners.

36. In order to obtain Registration in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons, a Colonial or Foreign Practitioner must be in possession of a Veterinary Diploma granted by a recognised Veterinary College, such Diploma to be considered equivalent in value to that granted by the Royal College, and affording a sufficient guarantee that the holder thereof is competent to practise Veterinary Surgery.

37. The Fee for Registration of such Colonial or Foreign Practitioner shall be £5 5s., payable in advance, after the Council is satisfied as to the justness of the Candidate's claim.

Diploma of Membership.

38. The signatures of the Examiners, and of the Professors of the school in which the Student had studied, shall be affixed to the Diploma, which shall be stamped with the Seal of the College, and shall be in the following form :—

Know all men by these presents, that the Board of Examiners appointed under the Royal Charter of Incorporation having examined M _____, and having found him fully qualified to practise the art and science of

* *Vide* Veterinary Surgeons Act, Sec. XIII.

Veterinary Surgery and Medicine, he is hereby declared a Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. By order of the Council.

_____ *President.*

_____ } *Members of
the Council.*

_____ } *Professors.*

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} *Examiners.*

_____ *Secretary."*

Examination of Fellows.

39. In the month of July, annually, the Council shall appoint a Special Court of Examiners, consisting of not less than three Members, for the purpose of examining Candidates for the Degree of Fellow. An Examination for the Degree of Fellow may be held in London in January, April, July, and October in each year, provided that the names of at least four Candidates shall have been entered for that purpose, and the fees paid to the Secretary of the College prior to the Examination taking place. And a like Examination may be held in Edinburgh twice in each year during the months

fixed for holding the general professional Examinations.

40. The subjects for the Examination in the Degree of Fellow shall be fixed from time to time by the Council.

41. The fee on admission to the Degree of Fellow shall be £15 15s. Prior to his admission for Examination the Candidate is required to pay a fee of £5 5s., to be allowed on the fee for the Degree of Fellow, but to be retained in case of rejection, and a further fee of £10 10s. on admission to the Degree of Fellow.

42. The priority of Fellows whose Diplomas bear the same date shall be determined at each examination by their place in the list sent in by the Court of Examiners. The Diploma is in the following form:—

ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS.

Whereas, by Supplemental Charter granted by the Queen on the 23rd day of August, 1876, the COUNCIL of the ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS have been EMPOWERED, with a view to the advancement of Veterinary Science, to create a higher degree than Membership, to be entitled FELLOWSHIP, Now know all men that by virtue of such power committed to us, We, THE COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS, do hereby admit Mr. _____ by examination, to be a FELLOW of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Dated this _____ day of _____

President.

} Examiners.

Secretary.

Honorary and Foreign Associates.

43. The election of an Honorary or Foreign Associate shall only take place after he has been proposed and seconded at a Council Meeting; and not before such proposal, together with a statement of the Candidate's qualification has been suspended in the Council Chamber for a period of not less than three months, and only with the approval of two thirds of the Members of Council present.

44. The Diploma of Honorary or Foreign Associate shall be signed by the President, a Vice-President, and the Secretary of the Royal College, and shall be forwarded to the elected Associate free of cost.

45. The Diploma is stamped with the Seal of the College, and is in the following form :—

COLLEGIUM REGIUM CHIRURGORUM VETERINARIORUM BRITANNIARUM.

Cum ex Chartæ nostræ additamento VICTORIA Dei Gratia Britanniarum Regina Vigesimo tertio die Mensis Augusti, Anno Domini millesimo octingentesimo septuagesimo sexto Regii Collegii Chirurgorum Veterinariorum Concilio commissa sit auctoritas creandi HONORARII ASSOCIATI gradum.

Scitote omnes nos Collegii hujus Concilium hac auctoritate nobis jure concessa usos propter egregia ejus merita in Veterinaria arte promovenda Honorarii Associati titulum in *contulisse.*

Dabant die

Præses.

Vicarii Præsidis.

Secretarius.

Trustees.

46. Three Members of the body corporate shall be the Trustees of the College.

Mode of Payments.

47. All payments of Money due from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and exceeding Two Guineas, shall be made by order of the Council on the Treasurer, signed by the President or Chairman, and one other Member of the Council then present, and a proper receipt shall be taken by any Treasurer, Officer, Servant, or other person, on account of the College.

Investment of Moneys.

48. All Moneys belonging to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, except such sum as the Council shall from time to time deem necessary for current expenses, shall be vested in the Three per Cent. Consolidated Annuities of Great Britain, or other Government securities, in the names of the Trustees of the College.

Finance Committee.

49. The Finance Committee shall consist of at least five Members of the Council, three of whom shall constitute a quorum; whose duty it shall be to examine and regulate the accounts of the College, to check the receipts of all moneys, to examine bills previous to payment, and also

to furnish a statement of the property of the College once every quarter, or when required to do so by the Council.

Audit.

50. The Auditors shall be summoned by the Secretary, previous to the Annual General Meeting, to inspect the accounts of the College prepared by the Treasurer and examined by the Finance Committee.

51. All accounts must be signed by the Auditors, and laid before the Council, previous to the Annual General Meeting.

Of the President.

52. The President may grant leave of absence to or may suspend any servant of the College; but every instance of suspension shall be reported to the next ensuing meeting of the Members of the Council.

53. Every Board and Committee shall be open to the President, who shall receive due notice of the time appointed for holding the same.

54. The President, upon an exigence, may direct any Special Meeting of the Council to be held, and any Board or Committee to be convened; and any other measure to be taken which may appear to him necessary for the security or benefit of the College.

Of the Secretary.

55. The Secretary shall be present at the Meetings of the Members of the College and of Council, issue all notices, take minutes of meetings for business, and make a report to the Council of all matters concerning the College that may come under his cognisance.

56. He shall consult the President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, on any business requiring immediate attention; and shall be responsible for the safe custody of all the documents and property belonging to the College which are under his control.

57. He shall receive all fees and donations, and give receipts for the same; and be allowed such a sum in advance for petty cash and servants' wages as the Council may order, but shall not be allowed to pay any account exceeding Two Guineas, and shall keep the financial accounts of the College.

58. The books in the use and care of the Secretary shall be kept according to the directions of the Council.

59. If by sickness or other cause the Secretary be at any time rendered unable to attend to his duties, he shall report the same to the President, or, in his absence, to one of the Vice-Presidents, who shall thereupon give such directions as may be judged proper until the sense of the Council can be taken.

60. Should the office of Secretary at any time become vacant, the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents,

shall act in his stead until a Council can be summoned and the appointment filled up.

Of the Registrar.

61. The Registrar shall prepare a list of all Members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and shall therein enter the Christian and surname of each individual, his place of residence, date of Diploma, and any honorary distinction, specifically communicated, he may be entitled to.

62. At each Quarterly Meeting of the Council the Registrar shall read the names of the Members who have been admitted, or whose deaths have been authenticated during the quarter.

63. A printed List of Members and Registered Practitioners shall be published once a year, which list shall be had on application to the Registrar, on payment of such sum as the Council may direct.

Treasurer.

64. The Treasurer shall receive and pay moneys; but all accounts above Two Guineas shall be paid by cheques only, such cheques to be signed by the Treasurer.

65. He shall keep correct accounts of his receipts and payments, which shall be presented by him to the Council quarterly, or oftener if required; and he shall prepare a balance-sheet to be audited previously to the Annual General Meeting.

Vacancies among Officers and Servants.

66. Every vacancy in the place of any officer or servant of the College shall be announced at the next meeting of the Council; and no election of any officer or servant shall take place without previous notice thereof having been given to each Member to attend the meeting of the Council at which such election shall be proposed to be made.

Mode of Elections.

67. All elections shall be by ballot except for Members of Council.

REGULATIONS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF VETERINARY STUDENTS IN GENERAL EDUCATION.

1. Students who enter the Veterinary Schools shall, prior to their First Professional Examination by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, undergo an Examination in the under-mentioned subjects—Part I and Part II—or produce a Certificate of having passed one of the following Examinations :

- (I) For Matriculation, or any higher Examination for Degrees, or one of the “ Local Examinations ” held by a University in the United Kingdom, or by a Colonial or Foreign University recognised by the Council of this College.
- (II) For the Certificates of the First, Second, or Third Class—provided such Certificate contains the obligatory subjects—held by the College of Preceptors.
- (III) An Examination recognised by the General Medical Council as exempting Candidates from the Preliminary Literary Examinations of the various Medical Corporations; or a Certificate of Examination by the Incorporated Law Society; or the Primary Certificate of the Pharmaceutical Society, or the College of Dentistry.
- (IV) (1) Society of Science, Letters, and Art of London (1st Class Certificate of Merit).

- (2) Education Board of Ireland (Senior Grade). (3) Apothecaries' Hall, Ireland. (4) Military, Naval, Civil Service, Marine, and Divinity—any part of the United Kingdom.

Provided the subjects mentioned in the Certificates are those laid down by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons—and of equal value.

2. Students who do not produce one or other of the Certificates referred to shall be examined by the Board of Examiners of the College of Preceptors, or by the Educational Institute in Scotland under the direction and supervision of this College. The nature and extent of this Examination shall be fixed by the Council from time to time. It will be of two classes of Subjects:—one *obligatory*, and the other *optional*.

The following are the usual Subjects of Examination :

PART I.—*Obligatory Subjects.*

1. Reading aloud.
2. Writing from Dictation.
3. English Grammar, with Parsing and Composition.
4. Arithmetic—the Simple and Compound Rules, with Vulgar and Decimal Fractions.
5. English History, and Geography of Europe and the British Isles.
6. Latin : First and Second Books of Cæsar.
Or French : Corneille, Fénelon's *Télémaque*, or
~~or~~ History of Charles XII.
Or German : Goëthe's *Faust*, or Schiller's
Jungfrau von Orleans.

PART II.—*Optional Subjects.*

1. English Literature and Composition.
2. Euclid, Books I and II.
3. Algebra, to Quadratic Equations.
4. Natural History: Zoology, Botany, Physiology, Geology (one branch only).

REGULATIONS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

1. Each Student who is a Candidate for the diploma of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons shall, during his Academical course, be subjected to and pass three Examinations.

2. There shall not be more than three Examinations held during the year; the first in March, April, or May, the second in July, and the third in December or January.

3. There shall be not less than two Examiners to each table.

4. At the First Examination a Student shall be examined in Elementary Anatomy (Osteology and Syn-desmology), Equine and Comparative, one table, two Examiners; Chemistry, one table, two Examiners; Botany, Food Plants, Medicinal Plants, Poisonous Plants growing in the United Kingdom and the Morphology of such, one table, two Examiners.

5. At the Second Examination a Student shall be .

examined on the Anatomy of the Horse and other Domesticated Animals, one table, two Examiners; Physiology and Histology, one table, two Examiners.

6. At the Final Examination a Student shall be examined in Morbid Anatomy and Pathology, one table, two Examiners; Diseases of the Horse, including Veterinary Medicine, Surgery, Therapeutics, Materia Medica, and Toxicology, one table, two Examiners; Diseases of the other Domesticated Animals, including Veterinary Medicine, Surgery, and Therapeutics, one table, two Examiners. He shall also undergo a general practical Examination, in regard to Horses, in writing Certificates and Prescriptions, and in Dispensing Medicines, before two Examiners. He shall likewise undergo a similar Examination with regard to the other Domesticated Animals before two Examiners.

7. That the Final Examining Board shall consist of two sections, the first to conduct the Oral, and the second the Practical, and that their awards be disjoined. Each Student who has successfully passed the Oral sections shall be allowed to present himself for the Practical, but should he fail in the Practical it shall be optional on his part to remain at College or to become a pupil to a Member of the College during the interval betwixt his rejection and the following Examination, in point of time, but in every such case the Student shall return to the College and be in regular attendance on the Classes for a period of not less than one month prior to the said Examination, and he shall produce a certificate signed by the member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons with whom he has practised, and it shall also be attested by the Principal of the College with whom he has studied.

8. The terms to be used by the Examiners in the Record of Examinations shall be—"Very good," "Good," "Sufficient," and "Bad."

9. The Court of Examiners shall specially notify to the Council the names of Students who have passed the Examination with "great credit," or with "very great credit."

10. The President will be expected to attend the Examinations once at least in the year, at London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.

11. No Candidate shall be eligible for any Examination unless a Certificate of his qualification be signed by the Principal of the College at which he has been educated, and transmitted by the Principal to the Secretary of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as acting for England, or to the Secretary acting for Scotland, not less than seven days prior to such Examination.

12. No Candidate shall be eligible for any Examination unless the examination fee be paid at least seven days prior to such Examination.

13. No Student shall be eligible for the First Examination until he has attended at least three terms at the same College or School.

14. No Student shall be eligible for the Second Examination until he has attended at least two terms after passing the First Examination.

15. No Student shall be eligible for the Third Exam-

ination until he has attended at least three terms after passing his Second Examination.

16. A Student who is rejected at his First, Second, or Oral division of the Third Examination shall not be eligible for Re-examination unless he gives satisfactory proof of having attended the Lectures and General Instruction of the School at which he was educated during the interval between such rejection and the ensuing Examination.

17. In case of rejection the Board of Examiners shall report to the Council what further period of study ought to be required of a Student before he is allowed to present himself for Re-examination. If a Candidate who has been rejected at the Practical Examination does not present himself for examination within twelve months, except in case of illness or other cause satisfactorily certified, he will be precluded from further Re-examination, and from admission to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

18. In the event of any Examiner being unable to attend, the Court shall have power to select a qualified person to supply the vacancy *pro tem*.

19. An Examiner in any one class shall not examine in any other, and in the Final the Oral Examiner shall not examine in the Practical.

20. Every Student shall be examined by each division of the Court, and at the conclusion of the examination the Examiners shall re-unite and report the result of the examination to the Chairman, and the sense of the

whole Court shall be taken as to the qualifications of the Student.

21. Should the result of the examination of any Candidate for the Diploma appear doubtful, such Candidate shall be recalled, and examined before the whole Court.

22. Should a Candidate conduct himself disrespectfully, or otherwise improperly, at any meeting of the Court, the Chairman is empowered to stay the examination of such Candidate, and report the transaction to the Council.



